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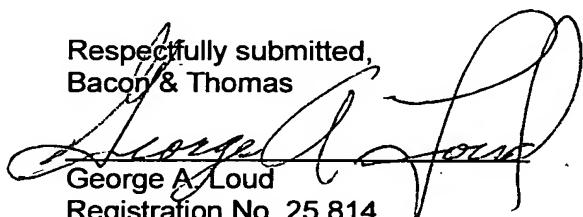
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It is respectfully requested that the examiner consider and cite of record the seven documents listed on the attached. Copies of the six listed Japanese documents are submitted herewith, together with a published English language abstract of each.

Submitted herewith is a copy of the International search report issued in connection with the captioned application and in which four of the listed documents are cited. Note that U.S. 2003/0003570 corresponds to JP 2003-088357 one of the four documents listed in the International Search Report and also mentioned as "Prior Art" in applicants' specification.

JP 11-118819, JP 2003-088357, JP 2002-159287 and JP 2002-008249 are discussed as "Prior Art" at pages 1-4 of applicants' specification and the examiner's attention is directed to that discussion as a statement of the relevance of these documents.

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## U.S. Patent Documents

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## Other Documents (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Place of Publication, Etc.)


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